GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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CLEAN SAFE BLOOD BANKS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blood banks in the country which have received registration from the Government, State-wise;

(b) whether the quality of blood is ensured in these recognized blood banks;

(c) if so, whether any system of monitoring of the quality is available;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to set up more of such clean and safe blood banks in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b) There are 1585 licensed blood banks in the country and the strict licensing conditions ensure that the quality of blood that is issued by these blood banks is acceptable for safe transfusion. A statement indicating state-wise distribution of licensed blood banks in the country is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) & (d) : The regulatory authority for ensuring that the minimum standards are followed by the blood banks in the country are the control and state Drugs Control Authorities. They enforce the conditions that are laid down in the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules pertaining to blood banking in the country.

(e) : The Government has taken a number of steps to strengthen the regulatory mechanism by providing for better training of Drug Inspectors and also by improving supervision of blood banking operations. A number of district level blood banks are being set up, besides developing linkages between licensed blood banks and storage centres for storing safe blood. It is also planned to develop 10 state-of -the-art model blood banks in the underserved areas of the country.

STATEMENT LIST OF APPROVED BLOOD BANKS IN THE COUNTRY AS ON 25.11.2000

SL. No.	STATES	NUMBER OF APPROVED BLOOD BANKS
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	137
2	A & ISLANDS	2
3	ASSAM	33
4	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	3
5	BIHAR	50
6	CHANDIGARH	3
7	DELHI	38
8	GOA	7
9	GUJARAT	152
10	HARYANA	27
11	HIMACHAL PRADESH	12
12	JAMMU & KASHMIR	14
13	KARNATAKA	109
14	KERALA	107
15	MADHYA PRADESH	78
16	MAHARASHTRA	234
17	MEGHALAYA	3
18	MANIPUR	3
19	MIZORAM	5
20	NAGALAND	2
21	ORISSA	57
22	PONDICHERRY	7

23	PU NJAB	53
24	RAJASTHAN	50
25	SIKKIM	2
26	TAMIL NADU	175
27	TRIPURA	5
28	UTTAR PRADESH	133
29	WEST BENGAL	84

TOTAL	1585